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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 JAMES MICHAEL FAYED,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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No. 1:25-cv-00734 GSA (PC)

ORDER DIRECTING TRANSFER OF  
MATTER

17 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, seeks relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and  
18 other statutory provisions and has requested authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed in  
19 forma pauperis. ECF Nos. 1, 2. This proceeding was referred to the undersigned by Local Rule  
20 302 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). For the reasons stated below, the Court will order this  
21 matter transferred to the Central District of California.

22 I. RELEVANT FACTS

23 Plaintiff, an inmate currently incarcerated at the California Health Care Facility has named  
24 the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme  
25 Court, and the Chief Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court as Defendants in this  
26 action. ECF No. 1 at 1-3. He alleges violations of right stemming from the fact that since 2011,  
27 he has not been appointed counsel so that he can pursue post-conviction relief as an “indigent  
28 capital appellant.” See ECF No. 1 at 9-11. He contends that Proposition 66, and other State

1 statutes, guarantee him the right to habeas counsel, but that he has yet to have counsel appointed  
2 to his case. ECF No. 1 at 10.

3 II. DISCUSSION

4 Section 1391(b) of the United States Code, title 28, provides, in relevant part, that venue  
5 for a civil action is proper in either the judicial district in which any defendant resides or in the  
6 judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim  
7 occurred. 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1)-(2). Plaintiff appears to be challenging actions that happened  
8 in Los Angeles County, which is located in the Central District of California. See 28 U.S.C. §  
9 84(c)(2). As well, the majority of the named Defendants are located in the Central district.  
10 Venue therefore properly lies in that District. See generally 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

11 Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, in the interest of justice and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
12 1406(a), this action be TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Central  
13 District of California.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: June 20, 2025

/s/ Gary S. Austin  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE